

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-16, and 18-24 are pending in the application. Support for the newly added claims 21-24 can be found throughout the Specification as the process of identifying fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in a body of a subject by analyzing fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in parotid saliva is disclosed in the application, *inter alia*, in the “Field of the Invention” section at page 1; page 4; and in particular, page 7 para [0005]. No new matter has been inserted into the application.

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed November 17, 2010, in which claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-16, and 18-20 have been indicated as being in allowable condition. Applicants assert that the newly added claims 21-24 are also in allowable condition since none of the cited prior art references discloses a method for assaying for the presence of fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in a body of a subject, comprising analyzing fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors in parotid saliva collected from the subject, and positively detecting the fat-soluble vitamins and/or fat-soluble food factors. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the newly added claims 21-24 for prosecution on the merits.

**Conclusion**

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants request the Examiner to issue a notice of Allowance in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to further the prosecution of the present invention.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge JHK Law's Deposit Account No. **502486** for any fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and 1.17 and to credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. **502486**.

Respectfully submitted,

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